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George Deukmejian and his wife, Gloria, at his swearing-in as California Governor by Justice Frank Richardson.

The AMAA Board of Directors, its Executive Officers and Directors and the entire staff extend congratulations to Governor George Deukmejian.

All Armenians rejoice at his election fully cognizant that he will bring to the office of Governor the solid values of his Christian heritage, firmness, steadfastness, fairness, persistence, tireless efforts and justice.



# CHARACTERISTICS OF THE GREAT



George Bezirgianian, M.D.  
AMAA President

February is the month during which Armenian-Americans recognize the achievements of George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and Vartan Mamigonian whose great sacrifice led the Armenian Church to bestow sainthood upon him. These three great national heroes, although they were products of different eras, shared certain qualities of leadership which set them above their contemporaries and which inspired the undying admiration of subsequent generations.

All three of these leaders were, to some degree, military heroes: George Washington led the American troops to ultimate victory in the Revolutionary War; Abraham Lincoln, as President during the Civil War, served as Commander-in-Chief of the Union armies; St. Vartan of course was a noted Armenian general. As military leaders, all three were compelled to make split-second decisions, to exercise their authority in life-or-death situations; but to be able to do this they had to have the total confidence and respect of their followers.

The best way for a leader to earn respect is to prove that he is willing to do his share of the "dirty work;" there is a

big difference between "delegating responsibility" and "passing the buck." If the orders which a leader gives reflect only a love of power for the sake of power without genuine concern for the welfare of his followers, their obedience will be given grudgingly; if at all. Discontented followers lead to ineffective leadership; as Lincoln stated, "A house divided against itself cannot stand."

A leader cannot reasonably expect his followers to give up things which he himself is unwilling to give up. Personal sacrifice is the essence of good leadership. George Washington, even after suffering the indignities of a lengthy war along with his troops, willingly gave up his dream of returning to his farm when he was drafted to serve as president of the new country for which he had already given so much. St. Vartan made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of his beliefs. St. Vartan did not die in a blaze of victory; the battle was lost despite his sacrifice. But the war continued. Those who remained, both leaders and followers, showed heroic qualities of patience and perseverance and went on to win the war.

All leaders are successful to the extent of the support of their constituency. This is also true of A.M.A.A. Through the years with fine leadership and full cooperation of its supporters A.M.A.A. has been able to keep pace with the changing times.

As newly elected President of the Association, I ask everybody's cooperation and support to be able to face new goals and challenges in the coming years. Keep A.M.A.A. and its leadership in your minds and in your prayers. I am sure if we join together we can achieve all the goals we have set forth.

**EDITOR'S NOTES:** The new President of the A.M.A.A., Dr. George Bezirgianian, a Board Certified Psychiatrist who serves as Deputy Director of the Middletown Psychiatric Center, is not a newcomer to the circles of the A.M.A.A. He previously served the Association most capably as Vice-President, Board member, Chairman of the Personnel Committee, and member of the Managers of Endowment Fund, Scholarship and Executive Committees.

Dr. Bezirgianian came to the United States in 1959 from Lebanon where he had received his medical degree at the American University of Beirut. Before assuming his current position as the

Deputy Director of the Middletown Psychiatric Center in 1968, he was President of the West Hudson District Branch Psychiatric Association. Married to the former Pauline Bezirgianian (no relation) of Beirut in 1958, the couple were blessed with two sons and one daughter: John, a second year medical student at Boston University; Carol, a pre-med student at Harvard University; and Steve, a Political Science major at Columbia University.

Dr. Bezirgianian, a staunch supporter of missionary projects, is a devoted Christian and ardent Armenian, with impressive evangelical foundations; graduate of the First Armenian Evan-

## AVARAYR and VARTANANK

By Efronia Shnorhokian Karakashian

About 1532 years ago, on May 26, 451 A.D. a one-day battle was fought on the field of Avarayr when Vartan Mamigonian was killed along with 1036 soldiers. The battle was lost to the Persians who wanted to introduce fire worship with the purpose of assimilating the Armenians into the Persian Empire. But, because the Christian Armenian soldiers fought for "Christ and Country," Armenian resistance, hence the continuing war named "Vartanank," lasted until 484 A.D. or 33 years when victory was achieved and a Treaty signed favorable to Armenians. Vartan's nephew, Vahan, led this resistance of long duration with the cooperation of the entire population, including women. Following the Treaty arrangements, culture and literacy flourished making the century a Golden Age. Vartanank, one can conclude, was a movement of the mind and soul more than anything else. As such it continues and will continue to mold the character and ideas of the nation. Therefore, it is most important to observe, commemorate and celebrate the event - the heroes of Avarayr who fought to preserve the faith of the nation and the suffering and sacrifices of the total populace for one-third of a century.

It is said that in life there are three important choices: a mission, a friend and a Lord - a mission worth living for, a friend to share, rejoice and be mutually helpful to each other, a Lord worthy to serve. Christ is worthy! Vartan had all three - a cause to serve, loyal friends, and Christ as his Lord.

It is a fine example to emulate.

gelical College; and member and leader of the Christian Endeavor societies in Lebanon. On account of his Middle East background, he is intimately acquainted with the mission field of the A.M.A.A.

The other officers elected for the 1982-83 fiscal year are: Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Pierre Haig of South Laguna, California, and Robert Hekemian of Tenafly, New Jersey; Treasurer, Edward Janjigian of Franklin Lakes, New Jersey; Assistant Treasurer, Aram Minnetian of Westwood, New Jersey; and Recording Secretary, Mrs. Raymond Nahigian of Belmont, Massachusetts.

## THE AMAA FIELD DIRECTOR VISITS SOUTH AMERICA

Upon the invitation of the Armenian Evangelical Church of Sao Paulo, Brazil to participate in the fifth anniversary of the founding of the AMAA Chapter of Sao Paulo, the Board of Directors authorized Mr. Moses Janbazian to visit our Christian brothers in South America and share the AMAA's hopes and concerns with them and to extend special Christian greetings. Mr. Janbazian spent November 20 to December 5, 1982 visiting the Armenian Evangelical churches and AMAA District Committees of Sao Paulo, Brazil; Buenos Aires, Argentina; and Montevideo, Uruguay.

He first touched base in Buenos Aires where he conferred with the District Committee members and visited many individuals, preached at the Armenian Evangelical Church and held conferences with the pastors of the church. His visits included one to Mrs. Luis Jivelekian and her son to extend the Association's sympathies on the passing away of their husband and father. Mr. Jivelekian was the President of the Armenian Missionary Association of Argentina and has two endowed funds with the AMAA amounting close to \$40,000. Another visit was to the Topalian family who are committed to the causes of the AMAA and have established a substantial fund, the income of which is used for AMAA's Child Education Sponsorship Program.

From Buenos Aires, Mr. Janbazian moved on to Montevideo to be with the congregation of the First Armenian Evangelical Church of Uruguay. He conferred with the lay leadership, namely, Mr. Loutfi Kouyumjian, Dr. Hopet Boyadjian, AMAA Chapter Chairman, Mr. Armen Butchakjian, and Church Council Chairman, Mr. Levon Moomjian. He held a special service of dedication for nine infants and children, preached at the Sunday service and delivered other messages at appropriate times. These conferences will undoubtedly stimulate the leadership to plan growth programs for the Armenian Evangelical movement in that country.

We have been able to ascertain that he found his visit to Sao Paulo and his former congregation, whose members he had served for seven years, most exciting and fulfilling. He led ladies auxiliary prayer meetings, met with the Church Council and Trustees of the church, reviewed the life of the church and engaged in plans for the AMAA chapter, was honored guest at the fifth anniversary banquet of the chapter where he gave messages in Armenian and Portuguese on the purposes, aspirations and challenges of the AMAA. He also met with the youth, challenging them with commitment to missions. He participated in a worship service and



(1) l. to r.: Mr. and Mrs. Jirair Topalian with their son and Mr. Isahag Shadarevian. (2) Mrs. Romilda, widow of the late L. Jivelekian, and her son Miguel Angel. (3) Mr. Dedeian (middle) and Dr. Chalian (Treasurer of Argentina Chapter) at the right.

### The Inspirational Corner

#### JESUS' FIRST SERMON

- Peter B. Doghramji

Jesus was a preacher, and the first sermon He preached, according to the Gospel of Luke (ch. 4), was based on a text from Isaiah 61: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me. . ."

If we did not know that passage, or what Jesus did with it, how would we complete that first sentence? Suppose we, as ministers, are capable of quoting Isaiah and making it our personal testimony; how would we describe the result of that experience in our words? I am tempted to say the following: "the Spirit of the Lord is upon me - therefore, a lot of good things are happening to me and my family. I am successful in everything I do; I enjoy good health; I give advice and direction to others; I am qualified to lead and tell others what they should do; I can see mistakes and shortcomings of others more clearly; I am blameless; I am a per-

fect example for others to follow." Does this seem pharisaic? Yes, of course! Because all these are not the results of being filled with the Spirit of the Lord.

When the Spirit of the Lord is upon me, then, according to the personal testimony of Jesus, and the prophets before him, something happens to others. I am no longer in the spotlight, nor am I the center of attraction. When the spirit of the Lord gets a hold of me, the prisoner is set free, the lame walk, the blind see, and the poor have good news given to them.

"Today," said Jesus, "this Scripture has been fulfilled in your midst." Today, spiritually speaking, is the same day, the new aeon, in which the same things happen to others when the Spirit of the Lord takes a hold of us. That first sentence of Scripture we may articulate orally; but the rest is for those whom the Lord has put in our care.



baptism of three infants with the Reverend Belmont, Pastor Dominoni and Mr. Kallubek, a layman. His message in Armenian and Portuguese was to a congregation of 220 and the offering of the morning of \$225.00, a handsome sum in view of the unfavorable exchange rates, was dedicated to the AMAA.

Mr. Janbazian found the Armenian Evangelical situation in the countries both distressing and hopeful. It was clear from his reports that where lay leadership has been imaginary, creative and active, Christian life has perked up and hopes for continued existence aroused.

Mr. Janbazian made numerous recommendations to each of the churches he visited, namely, Buenos Aires, Montevideo and Sao Paulo, as well as to the Board of Directors. The following were among some of the recommendations made to the Board of Directors:

1. Extend some financial aid from the Jinishian Memorial Program fund with the AMAA to Mr. Santiago Terzian of Buenos Aires, who suffers from partial paralysis, and to Mrs. Marie Demirjian.
2. Continue AMAA's assistance to the radio ministry of the Armenian Evangelical Church of Sao Paulo, a program which is very well received in the metropolis and sur-

roundings.

3. Arrange to send an evangelist to South America to hold evangelistic meetings.
4. a. Receive and acknowledge with heartfelt thanks the sum of \$5,000 contributed by Mr. & Mrs. Hampartzoum Momjian of Sao Paulo to establish an endowment fund in their name.
- b. Receive and acknowledge with heartfelt appreciation the sum of \$5,000 contributed by the Sao Paulo AMAA Chapter to establish a fund in the name of the Armenian Evangelical Church/AMAA Chapter of Sao Paulo.
- c. Receive and acknowledge the sum of \$1,000 donated by Mr. & Mrs. Jirair Topalian of Buenos Aires to be added to their endowment fund.
5. Produce some promotional literature in the Portuguese and Spanish languages for the use of our District Committees and Chapters in South America or update the Spanish version of AMAA's Joining Hands brochure prepared a few years ago.
6. Send an AMAA representative at least once every two years to visit and keep the AMAA image in focus in the area.



(1) The team of the "Hara Evangelica Armenia" (the radio program) of the Sao Paulo Church. (l. to r.): Rev. Daniel Belmont, Mrs. Marlene Gazebyukian, Pastor Antonio Dominoni and Mr. George Gazebyukian. (2) The "Juventude Evangelica Armenia" (the youth group) of the Armenian Evangelical Church of Sao Paulo with their leader, Miss Sossi Amiralian and Mr. Janbazian (extreme right). (3) The Church Council of the Armenian Evangelical Church of Sao Paulo. (l. to r.): Messrs. Zacharias Kartalian, John Gaidzakian, Jacob Dolmajian, Hrad Kallubeck, Pastor Antonio Dominoni, Hampartzum Momjian, Harutiune Bedoyan, M. B. Janbazian, Panos Dolmajian, Levon Ashjian and Hagopjan Magarian.



(1) L. to r.: Armen Buchakjian, Loutfi Kouyoumjian and Dr. Hopet Boyajian who provide leadership to Montevideo Church and the (2) Montevideo Congregation at worship.

# THREE FEATURE STORIES

## I. HENRY ABAJIAN

### IMMIGRANT TO DEFENDER OF COUNTRY OF ADOPTION



Henry Abajian

Henry K. Abajian, a teen-age immigrant from Turkish Armenia who perfectly exemplifies an "American Success" story, went on to become one of the nation's distinguished and respected engineering executives, yet, Henry K. Abajian, a long-time staunch supporter of the AMAA, and his inspiring life story, are little known to his fellow American-Armenians. The reason: the unique personality of Henry whose love for simplicity is a trait seldom found in people with his record of achievements. Indeed in his humility, Henry rarely speaks about his impressive professional and business successes.

Henry Abajian's life story begins in Aintab, now in Turkey, where he was born to Hagop H. and Vartouhi (Haleblian) Abajian. In 1910, his father immigrated to America where his family finally could join him in 1923. Henry's unsatiable desire for education, interrupted by Turkish atrocities, his intelligence and diligence overcame the hurdle and Henry graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute with a Mechanical Engineering degree in 1933.

Henry's first job was as a test engineer. The employments that followed, in different important companies ranging from test engineer to project engineer, gave him sound experience to found his own firm in September 1951: The Resdel Engineering Corporation, which engaged in research, development and production of electronic equipment in the communications field for military and space applications. Starting operation with a \$5,000 capitalization and three employees, Resdel, with the acquisition of Digital Systems, Inc. of Pasadena as well, grew so that by 1970 the corporation's total assets were valued at \$7 million and the working force had risen to 484.

In 1971, Resdel also acquired certain assets and rights of Courier Communications, Inc. of Hillside, New Jersey and transferred them into Fanon/Courier Corporation headquartered in Pasadena. Henry thus became the President and Chairman of the Board of yet another wholly owned subsidiary. While Digital Systems, Inc. was engaged in designing and manufacturing numerically controlled automatic

precision drilling machines, the Fanon/Courier produced a broad line of mobile and portable communications equipment. It was Resdel Engineering, however, that under the wise leadership of Henry, achieved significant developments in the field of electronic communication and became one of the nation's respected producers of complex electronic tracking equipment used in defensive applications.

As a Resdel executive recently stated, "Henry's deep love and genuine appreciation for his adopted country set the tone for the products that Resdel manufactures - Government products for use in National defense application." Indeed, it was Henry's original goal to form a company which would develop products that would assist in the defense of the United States and all it stands for. And it was certainly dedication to this principle of its founder that put Resdel in the forefront of historic developments in the space programs of the United States. Henry Abajian, the Armenian immigrant lad of yesterday, justifiably takes pride in the fact that the first close-up pictures of the moon's surface were sent back to earth from the Surveyor satellite by a transmitter power amplifier manufactured by the corporation he founded; and it was the solid state amplifier designed and built by Resdel that sent back the television pictures from the Apollo spacecraft to Earth during the Apollo-Soyuz space mission.

Henry and his lovely wife Gladys were united in marriage in January, 1942 and live in Pasadena, California. The couple are the parents of a daughter, Carol Gladys, and grandparents of two children. As faithful and active members of the Armenian Cilicia Congregational Church, the family continues to give generously of their time, talents and tithes for the Lord's work. Henry has served the Cilicia Church in various capacities such as treasurer, trustee, deacon, and chairman of the Church Council.

In addition to his membership in the California Professional Engineers and Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, Henry is affiliated with many philanthropic and cultural organizations and causes among which are the Pasadena Masonic Lodge; Knights of Vartan, in which he was Commander; AGBU; and the Pasadena, Los Angeles and Arcadia Chambers of Commerce. Henry is also a supporter of the educational programs of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and the University of California at Los Angeles.

It is the AMAA, however, that has the warmest spot in Henry's heart. He not only supports the work of the Association monetarily, liberally, but also acts as a faithful ambassador by promoting and upholding its ideals.

Often success and riches cause people to forget and thus forsake their roots, thereby discarding their ethnic and religious background. But Henry, despite his unmatched successes in the business field, remains a fervent Armenian and an ardent Christian dedicated to ethnic and religious principles.

With this feature story, we wish to salute Henry Abajian for his distinguished achievements in a well-invested life and extend our deep appreciation to him and Gladys for the important part they play in the success of the work and achievement of the goals of the AMAA.



## II. RETIRED BUT STILL SERVING: THE KHACHADOURIANS



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The Reverend Khachadourian himself was finally able to obtain an immigration visa and returned to the United States recently. Here, he responds to invitations from churches to speak and to preach, but the greater service he renders is his personal contact with Armenians in the vicinity of his residence, the majority of whom are new immigrants from Armenia.

We here in the AMAA circles have been inspired by the devotion, dedication and vision of these missionaries and are amazed at the ways in which God has used His servants. We pray that their sojourn in the United States may

## III. BROTHERS UNITED: THE MANISHAGIANS



Edward Manishagian, a man for all seasons with many and varied interests and talents; a man of high Christian ideals which include commitment to God and church; a man of generous benevolence to many organizations even beyond the extent of his material possessions in comparison to the real wealthy, has above all, a heart.

The sixth of seven children, Edward was born in Smyrna on February 17, 1909 to Hovhannes, in the real estate business (a Simsar) and Paris, a kindergarten teacher, and was raised in an evangelical Christian atmosphere.

In 1922, he miraculously escaped from the atrocities brought upon the Armenians in Izmir by the Turkish Army, trapped between a city on fire and the sea. Edward was only eleven when he managed to reach Athens, Greece. From the time he arrived in Greece, Edward had a burning desire to enter into the United States, but could not leave until the authorities increased the quota for immigrants to enter the country of freedom and opportunity. This took twelve years and as he patiently waited for permission to leave, he worked at the American Women's Hospital, first as a messenger and office boy, then as liai-

son between the Greek Government and the hospital. His severance pay provided the means for him to emigrate from Greece in 1934.

His older brother, John, born on November 14, 1897, who had attended the International College in Izmir and attached to the British Missions in Izmir as interpreter and liaison between the Greeks and British, had immigrated to the U.S. in 1921 and started working at the National Republican Club in New York City. He was in charge of office personnel and served the NRC practically all his life. John was a category "A" soccer player and was in the Anglican Church Choir for many years.

After Edward's arrival in the U.S., he attended night school for six months until his brother John was able to get him a job at the National Republican Club. Although Edward was desirous to continue his studies, the time he had to devote to his job restricted him. He worked for the NRC until it closed in 1960 at which time his brother retired. When the Club was taken over by the Overseas Press Club, Edward was offered a job with them where he continued to work until his retirement in 1970. When his brother died in May 1974, the AMAA discovered John had made the Association a beneficiary for \$10,000. Edward, whose relationship with his brother was that of friend, sibling, counselee, guide, continues to have enormously deep respect for him. The mention of John's relationship to him as an elder brother brings tears to his eyes.

Edward was married in 1957 to Annette Loshagian, a proficient and successful designer and pattern-maker of

women's apparel with an eye on art and antiques, and who has donated art to the Yerevan Museum.

Even though Edward's travels have taken him to many distant lands around the world, and he has many interests which include his love of the theater, the Greek philosophers and classical music, yet his devotion to God, his Armenian ancestry and the country of his adoption have led him to give generously from the fruits of his labors so that others may benefit. And to be sure, many have been benefitting from the deeds of this caring Christian who with his charitable spirit has given so much. Some of his monetary assignments have been for:

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| AGBU's Publication of "Murder of a Nation" | \$ 2,000 |
| Greek Red Cross                            | 10,000   |
| American Bible Society                     | 10,000   |
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| Haigazian College                          | 10,000   |
| AMAA                                       | 21,000   |
| Armenian Evangelical Church, N.Y.          | 25,000   |

Edward, you have a heart of gold. It has been cultivated, of course, by your parents of evangelical background and your older brother John whose life and ways you continue to respect and admire even long after he entered his eternal rest. Paul the Apostle wrote in 2 Cor. 9:7, "God loveth a cheerful giver." Others have translated "cheerful" thus: "With abandon, hilariously." Can you imagine that? To give in a "dancing mood!" We know there are persons who are so thankful that their giving is an event of joy. Edward, you are certainly in that category and as a result you have found the prescription to a happier life. God has blessed you and you are becoming yourself a blessing to others.

### CONGREGATIONS IN NEED OF PRAYERS AND SUPPORT

**The Assyrian Evangelical Church of Beirut**, which is located in Sed El-Boushrieh, one of the poor suburbs of the city, is the only Assyrian Evangelical Church in Lebanon. The church is a member of the Near East Union and enjoys the fellowship, encouragement and support of the Armenian Evangelical

even after having been trapped in the church building for 3 or 4 days. The need: \$1,500 for annual cost of transportation.

**The Armenian Evangelical Church of Hollywood.** This newly-founded church is supported by the Armenian Evangelical Union of N.A. and the Armenian Missionary Association of America. The church serves newcomers from Armenia, especially, as well as from

### BIBLICAL SURVEY REVEALS JESUS' RESPONSE TO WEALTH AND POVERTY

According to one biblical survey, Jesus talked more about wealth and poverty than any other subject, including heaven and hell, sexual morality, the law or violence. One out of every ten verses in the Synoptic Gospels is about the rich and the poor; in Luke the ratio is one out of seven. James treats the



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region north of Derzor where thousands of Armenians had been martyred by Turkish designs. Exactly on those martyrdom areas, he established seven mission centers serving Arabs, Assyrians and Armenians and brought together Evangelicals who had been scattered in all these places and assigned pastors and evangelists.

The Reverend Khachadourian enlarged the ACO Center by purchasing and adding several buildings, founded the Sarepta Home for Widows in Daoudieh and the Workshop for the Blind in Meydan quarter.

If an evaluation were made of the valuable contribution to the Armenian community in general, the Reverend Khachadourian confirms that the greatest help was received by the Armenian Apostolic community, both financially and morally. Those who attended the organized Christian meetings were mostly of the Apostolic community. Of course, his closer cooperation was with the Evangelical churches, with his wife continuing her endeavors in the Sunday Schools of the Evangelical churches, in the Christian Endeavor Societies and ladies organizations. The Reverend Khachadourian himself preached in many Evangelical churches, served the Bethel Church for one full year and performed pastoral work for a year at the Nahadagatz Church until those churches were able to call permanent pastors. Together, the couple gave their support to the growth of youth work, helping in the founding of Kchag in the Kessab region and guiding ACO of France to give financial assistance.

In 1957, when the Reverend Soghomon Nuyujukian was called to serve a church in Egypt, he was asked to take the position of "Hamaynkabed" in which position he served until his departure to Iran in 1966.

He found the Armenian Evangelicals in Teheran in a very sad condition because the church had been deprived of the services of a pastor for many years. With God's help, he was able to organize all aspects of the work of the church in Teheran and place it under a responsible church council. A church office was founded, regular services were con-

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It is good to be an Armenian, better to be a patriotic one, but best to be a Christian Armenian.  
We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give.

— G. H. Chopourian

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## NEW ENDOWMENT FUNDS ESTABLISHED

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Mrs. Ankin Gedickian Bertelsen and her brother have established this new fund in loving memory of their mother with the annual income designated for Child Education Sponsorships.

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The Reverend and Mrs. Alvin R. McKinnon and family have pledged \$10,000 for the establishment of the Vahan Azadian Endowment Fund in loving memory of Mrs. Dorothy McKinnon's father, Vahan Azadian. About 12% of the pledge has been paid and the fund will be augmented by addition of interest and annual payments until the total is fulfilled, after which annual income will be applied for scholarships.

### DR. VOSGEPERAN AND MRS. JOSEPHINE MERJANIAN ENDOWMENT FUND

Dr. & Mrs. Edward Z. Merjanian set up an endowment fund in honor of their parents, Dr. Vosgeperan and Mrs. Josephine Merjanian, the annual income from which will be designated for Child Education Sponsorships.

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Dr. Stepan Vosgan G. Merjanian has established an endowment fund in honor of his parents, Mr. Garabed and Mrs. Eftemia Merjanian, with the annual income designated for Pension distribution to retired pastors of the Union of the Armenian Evangelical Churches of the Near East.

### THE ARTHUR H. DADIAN EDUCATIONAL FUND (name subject to revision):

Attorney Arthur H. Dadian of Washington, D.C. established an endowment fund in his name in the amount of \$15,000 with the annual income designated for scholarship grants or loans in meaningful amounts for the education of needy Armenians in the U.S.A., including studies for trades such as computer programming or servicing, but excluding religious education. In making this contribution, Arthur Dadian Esquire wrote: "I have a great deal of confidence in you and AMAA; and a great deal of respect for your contributions to the welfare of Armenians. I would like to set up an educational fund at AMAA with

the two bonds I am enclosing:

(1) \$10,000 Alabama Power Company.  
(2) \$5,000 UNC Resources, Inc. . . I have signed them, transferring ownership to AMAA. . . I may add to it in the future."

MR. RICHARD D. DONCHIAN has provided \$14,109.05 which has been established as an endowment fund under his name. The annual income will be distributable to the total outreach of the Association.

You, dear friends, make AMAA tick. We are glad to be your servants in the execution of your wishes for the welfare of our dear people.

## VISITORS TO AMAA HEADQUARTERS



(L. to r.): Mrs. Liza, M.D., and Mr. Harry Dulgarian of Belmont, Mass.; and Mrs. Angel Hovsepien.



Mr. Michael Halebian (2nd from right) and Mr. Robert Hekemian, AMAA Vice-President (3rd from right), visited the AMAA offices on Sunday, January 9, 1983. They are in the company of Dr. G.H. Chopourian (right) and Mr. Moses Janbazian (left), the Executive Director and the Field Director. They also sur-

veyed the library and storage room in the newly purchased building. Mr. Halebian and Mr. Hekemian donated the 100 square yard carpet needed for the floors of the new unit.

We are grateful for the courtesy.



(L. to r.): Mr. Shamoyan; the Rev. Carlos Hajian, Pastor of The Armenian Brotherhood Church of Montevideo, Uruguay; and Mr. Jirair Aintablian, Pastor of The Armenian Brotherhood Church of West New York, New Jersey.



## CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR THE AMAA STAFF

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kapigian (3rd and 4th from left) were hosts of the Christmas party extended to the AMAA staff and their spouses on December 16, 1982 at the White Beeches Country Club.

Many thanks from all of us in the Headquarters.

## TELEPHONE REPORT FROM ISTANBUL

Mr. Hrant Dink, who has volunteered to substitute for Hrant Guzelyan's leadership, telephoned to communicate the progress being made in the church and the need for prayers for the Evangelical

church and its outreach to the community in Istanbul.

A seven member Church Council has been elected and Hrant Dink is hopeful that the authorities will approve the elections to make it an officially functioning body.

Two worship services are held, one in the morning with average attendance of about forty, and Sunday School attendance in the same number. The morning service is held in the Armenian language but the afternoon service is held in Turkish and attendance is over one-hundred on an average. Missak Gunay is the Evangelist assisted by other lay persons in the preaching, teaching and social action ministry. On Thursday evening, a prayer meeting is held in the church sanctuary.

The Touzla Camp functioned in the Summer for two months with about thirty-five youngsters living, learning and playing for the whole period of two months.

Christian colleagues in Istanbul are working under difficult circumstances and need our encouragement for strength, courage and hope. They *covet* prayers from all of us.

## CORRECTIONS AND APOLOGIES

In the December issue of the AMAA NEWS, three serious errors or omissions were made for which we apologize and record the corrections as follows:

1. In our report on the 63rd Annual Meeting of the Association, we failed to mention that the Reverend Edward S. Tovmassian, past Executive Secretary of the AMAA, was Chaplain for the weekend AMAA Board and Annual meetings. He opened the sessions with scripture reading, prayer and a short message which were inspirational.
2. The Vahan G. and Lillie Vartanian Endowment Fund arrangement was listed as "Miss Lily Vartanian" and the fund named "The Michael M. and Lily Aghavni Vartanian Trust Fund." Unfortunately, the secretaries had confused the Vartanian of Wisconsin with Lillie Vartanian of New York. Mrs. Lillie Vartanian's endowment fund of \$5,000 is known as "The Vahan G. and Lillie Vartanian Endowment Fund" with the income assignable ultimately for use in Child Education scholarships.
3. In reporting of the Rev. Ephraim and Mrs. Marie Jernazian Memorial Fund we stated that Dr. Samuel Jerian carries his father's christened name.

His father, the Reverend Jernazian, is Ephraim. Our office records confused it with Reverend Samuel Rejebian's name. Dr. Jerian may not carry his father's first name but as the son of a minister, he is not only a member of the UACC Church but has also served many years in various capacities on the Church Council and was a very active member on the Church Building Committee of the UACC.

Sorry, folks! (Editor)

## RAINBOW

The Armenian Evangelical Social Service Center has established a newsletter entitled *Rainbow* and its first volume, issue no. 1, was produced in November, 1982. It appears that the purpose is to present the activities of the

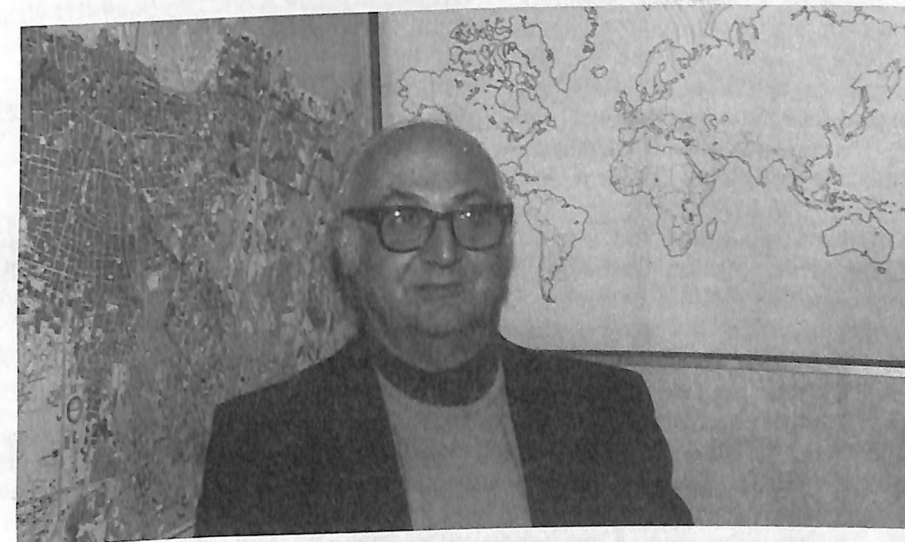
center and report the progress of the work.

Financial help towards the work of the Social Service Center will enable the AMAA to continue its generous support for the work of the AESSC.

## IMMANUEL CHURCH TAKES SPECIAL OFFERING FOR LEBANON RELIEF

On Thanksgiving Sunday, November 21, 1982, the pastor and the trustees made a special appeal to the congregation to provide financial assistance to those who had suffered great losses during the devastating war in Lebanon. The congregation responded generously and the Association received \$1,345 from the special offering arrangement for use where the need is greatest.

The Immanuel Church sets a fine example for us to follow.



ALFRED HALEBLIAN

Roles were reversed. The AMAA office staff took a picture of Alfred Haleblan in front of our outreach map.

Alfred has become our official photographer who has volunteered his services at all important AMAA functions.

We are grateful to him and wish him the best during this new year.

## HOVHANNES JEDIDIAN

The late Hovhannes Jedidian produced five volumes of selected stories published in Armenian. He left a fund in this Association with a request that the income of one year of the fund be used for the publication of one volume out of selected stories from the published five volumes known as **Hadundir Badmuvatzkner**.

The terms of the trust spell out that the new volume to be published by the AMAA be distributed free of charge to all Armenian educational, cultural and religious institutions.

The new volume is now in print and all institutions which qualify will be posted a copy each on application.

Please use this opportunity to write to the AMAA office for copies to be transmitted to institutions of your preference. Use also this opportunity to inform institutions you know about to apply for their copies.

All others may purchase **Hadundir Badmuvatzkner** from the AMAA Headquarters, 140 Forest Avenue, Paramus, New Jersey 07652 at \$7.50 per copy.







# OBITUARIES

**Sympathies extended:** - The Board of Directors, the Executive Director, the Field Directors and the staff, all of whom are acquainted with the deceased, their families and relatives through the AMAA records, extend their sincere and deep sympathies to the immediate kin, relatives and friends of the deceased, whose obituaries, transmitted to the Editor by pastors, friends or relatives, are recorded below.

"Let not your heart be troubled," said our Lord, "ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions . . . I go to prepare a place for you. . . I will come again, and receive you unto myself." (Jo. 14:1-3). This is the hope by which we should all live.



Hyranoush Gulian Gedickian

## MRS. HYRANOUSH GULIAN GEDICKIAN

Mrs. Hyranoush Isabelle Gedickian of Fort Lee, New Jersey, passed away on December 7, 1982 after a long illness. She was born in Amassia, Turkey, the second daughter of the Reverend Professor Kevork H. Gulian and Marine Kutrean Gulian.

When she was a baby, the family moved to Marsovan (Merzifoun), where her father, an ordained minister, was Professor of Languages at Anatolia College. He was the author of "Elementary Modern Armenian Grammar" for the study of Armenian in the English language. Although written at the turn of the century, this textbook is still in print today. Interestingly, "Elementary Modern Armenian Grammar" was used as a text by the late Reverend Antranig A. Bedikian at Columbia University and the text, republished at about 1955, is still used in some schools. He also authored a parallel volume, "Elementary English Grammar," which he translated from the French into Armenian.

As a student at the Anatolia American Girls' College, Mrs. Gedickian was part of the missionary circle which included the family of the Reverend Elias Riggs, head of the Theological Seminary, whose son and his wife had befriended Professor Gulian when he was a young boy and had considered him as their own son. She graduated from the college at the time when the Armenian massacres by the Turks had started. During those hard times, she lost her father and, soon after, went to Samsoun with her mother and sister. There, she worked as an interpreter for the Near East Relief for Miss

Sabra Bradley for Turkish or Armenian dignitaries and also high American officials. In addition to her duties as interpreter, she also had charge of a needlework and lace department and a sewing room where needs were supplied for three orphanages - Armenian, Greek and Turkish. She and her sister also ministered to children at the Armenian orphanage who were ill while their mother supplied food to the Armenian needy.

When the family decided to emigrate to America, all roads were closed and no one could sail. However, Miss Bradley procured a special telegram from Ataturk so they were able to sail to Constantinople and, from there, to America, thereby being saved from grave dangers.

After residing in this country a short time, she married Dicran Murad Gedickian who had been born in Marsovan and was a graduate of Sanasarian University.

Her husband predeceased her in 1974. She is survived by three children: Mrs. Hasmig Mott of Falls Church, Virginia; Mrs. Ankin Bertelsen of Fort Lee, New Jersey; and Dicran Levon Gedickian of Upper Saddle River, New Jersey; her sister, Mrs. Armine Boranian of Norridge, Illinois; four grandchildren, Nils Bertelsen, Elena Mott, Anahid and Meline Gedickian; a nephew, Armen Boranian of Sealy, Texas; and a niece, Mrs. Beatrice Scroggin of Chicago, Illinois.

A memorial service was held at Grantwood Congregational Church in Cliffside Park, New Jersey. It was Mrs. Gedickian's wish that memorial donations be directed to the Armenian Missionary Association of America.

## JAMIL HAROUTUNE HALEBLIAN

Submitted by: Mrs. Lucy Karian

Jamil Haleblian was born to Lucia and Haroutune Haleblian on August 17, 1889 in Aintab, Turkey. Jamil's brothers, Loutfi, a surgeon and Noury, a dentist were early victims of the Armenian massacres in 1915.

His maternal grandfather, Adour Niziblian, a great philanthropist, was very concerned for the Christian life of the youth. A youth Center in his name stands in Aleppo.

Jamil was educated at the American University of Beirut, graduating as a Chemist. During World War I, he attained the rank of Captain.

In 1922, on a trip to Aleppo, Syria he met and married Alice Gulesserian. Their union was blessed with four children.

While working with the British Health



Jamil H. Haleblian

Department in Jerusalem he became known for his outstanding skill, understanding and dedication and was invited to serve as Chief Chemist in the Rockefeller Museum in Jerusalem. He became the Curator and consultant to the archeological finds in historical excavations to the governments of Palestine, Britain and Jordan. His expert advice aided the British government in cleaning and preserving the Dead Sea Scrolls.

He immigrated to the United States with his family in 1955 and settled in Watertown, Massachusetts in 1973 where he lived with his wife until his demise. Mr. Haleblian is survived by his wife, daughter, Lucy Karian, and sons Loutfi, Albert and Berj.

## SIMON ALEXAN KALEBJIAN

Submitted by: Reverend Harry Missirlian

Simon Alexan Kalebjian was born in Beirut, Lebanon on January 30, 1931 to Alexan and Aznive Kalebjian, devout Christians who raised their children with love, prayer and devotion.

After the death of her husband, Aznive Kalebjian raised her five children teaching them to love, respect and constantly support one another to overcome poverty and hardship.

The oldest child, Antranig, became a shoemaker and Simon was his assistant. Later, Simon became a taxi driver in Beirut and treated his passengers to the music of Hayden, Beethoven, Mozart, Schubert, Handel, Khachadourian. His taxi was always full of Bibles and Christian literature which he gave to his passengers free of charge. L'Orient, the Beirut based French language newspaper, published a special article of appreciation for Simon's service.

Every Sunday, Simon and his family were

the first to arrive at the San Francisco Calvary Armenian Congregational Church. He would greet the other worshipers with a smile. He was always radiant, enthusiastic



Simon Alexan Kalebjian

and full of vigor. His integrity of character, strong sense of justice, friendliness and Christian faith were deeply appreciated by all who came to know him. His hopes, dreams and plans for the future were cut short by his untimely death on September 4, 1982.

Simon Kalebjian is mourned by his wife Lydia and two young sons, his brother Antranig of Fresno, California, and brother Vazken and sister Jansleen, both of Beirut, Lebanon.



Mrs. Lydia Baghdikian

## MRS. LYDIA BAGHDIKIAN

Submitted by: Nerses Aynilian

On July 17, 1982, funeral services were held at Nor Amanos Church, Dora (East Beirut) for Mrs. Lydia Baghdikian who passed away the day before. The Reverend Hagop Sagherian officiated at the services with Reverend Sarkissian.

Mrs. Lydia Baghdikian was born in February 1915 in Aintab, Turkey to Youssef and Beatrice Aynilian and as an infant, migrated to Aleppo, Syria with her parents. She received her elementary education at the Armenian Evangelical "Mooballat" School in Aleppo and attended high school at Armenian Ossoumnassiratz-Levonian School in

Aleppo from which she graduated. She then served as a voluntary teacher for two years.

In 1944, Lydia married Hagop Baghdikian. They became the parents of Anahid, Vatche and Hoorig.

Lydia was involved in various church activities, she served as Sunday School Teacher in Nahadagatz (Martyrs) Church in Aleppo, as Superintendent of Youth Christian Endeavor and with the Choir.

Hagop Baghdikian died in 1972. In 1974, Mrs. Baghdikian visited the United States for about a year and then returned to Beirut.

Lydia Baghdikian is mourned by her children, Anahid Doniguan, Vatche Baghdikian, Hoorig Karageuzian, seven grandchildren, her sister Ephronia Avedikian and her brother Nerses Aynilian and family.

She will be missed, but remembered as a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister and a sincere, humble person.



Aram Yessayan

## ARAM YESSAYIAN

Aram Yessayan of Bellflower, California, passed away on July 20, 1982.

Services were held on July 23, 1982 at the St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church, with Fr. Vartan Dulgarian officiating and interment was at the Angeles Abbey Memorial Park.

Because "the Lord is our shepherd" we need not fear evil even though we might "walk through the shadow of death" (see Ps. 23).

## NUBAR HINTLIAN

Mr. Nubar Hintlian, a 1920 immigrant to the United States from Armenia and founder of the Superior Nut Company of Cambridge, Massachusetts which manufactures nut candies and nut products for nationwide distribution, passed away on September 19, 1982.

He made many outstanding contributions to the religious and cultural life of the Armenian community, had been named "Man of the Year" by the Knights of Vartan, and served as a trustee of the Holy Trinity Ar-



Nubar Hintlian

menian Apostolic Church of Greater Boston for many years. He was a generous supporter of the outreach of the A.M.A.A.

Mr. Hintlian is survived by his wife of 46 years, Araxie, two daughters, two sons, seven grandchildren and a brother.

The AMAA Board of Directors extend their heartfelt condolences to the families of the deceased through the medium of the AMAA NEWS.

- \*Elmas Albarian
- \*Mrs. L. Bosinian
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- \*Southfield, MI
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- \*Southgate, CA July, 1982
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- \*Bradford, CT July 17, 1982
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- \*Paris, France August 3, 1982
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- \*Fresno, CA Nov. 22, 1982
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- \*New York, NY Nov. 25, 1982
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- \*Dec. 3, 1982
- \*Mr. Albert Farajian
- \*San Francisco, CA Dec. 5, 1982
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- \*Fort Lee, NJ Dec. 7, 1982
- \*Mr. Aram Atmajian
- \*Fresno, CA Dec. 10, 1982
- \*Mr. Jamil Haroutune Haleblian
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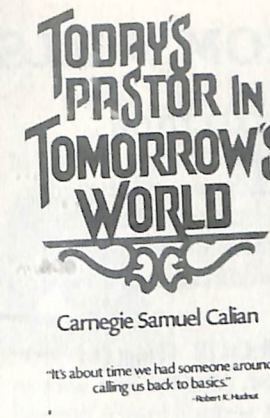
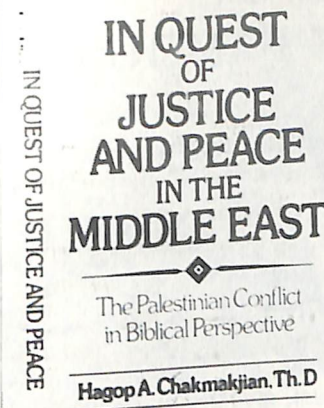
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# IDEAS FROM WILLS OF FAMOUS PEOPLE

## NAME AN ALTERNATE EXECUTOR

Edna Ferber, the famous novelist, left an estate valued at over \$1 million. One of her good friends was the noted attorney Morris L. Ernst, so she named him executor. He advised her to name another friend as alternate executor, and she did. - YOUR WILL should name both an executor and an alternate executor.

## PROVIDE FOR SIMULTANEOUS DEATH

John Dos Passos, well-known writer, lost his first wife in an auto accident in 1947. He suffered serious injury himself in the accident. When he wrote his will he included provisions in case of simultaneous death. - YOUR WILL should have provision for simultaneous death. It is especially important with regard to the guardianship of young children. You should have an understanding with the relatives or friends you would choose, and put the details in both your wills.

## KEEP YOUR WILL UP-TO-DATE

Walt Disney was the founder of a \$100 million entertainment empire, as everyone knows. Few also know, however, that he was a conscientious custodian of his property. His will was complicated . . . a veritable lawyer's paradise. The important point, however, is that Disney kept it up-to-date. He made his latest revisions only nine months before he died. YOUR WILL should be kept up-to-date. You should review it at least once a year.

## NAME A REMAINDER BENEFICIARY

Dorothy Gish, film star, left an estate of over half a million dollars. She put the estate in trust for Lillian, her sister, for the rest of her life, then designated the Actors Fund of America as remainder beneficiary. YOUR WILL should name a remainder beneficiary, even though your estate may be modest. Why risk having a sizeable chunk of your estate go to people whom you do not know when you can name individuals or organizations as remainder beneficiaries, if your property "outlives" your main heirs?

## REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH

John Hays Hammond, Jr. left his prize possession, the famous castle-like Hammond Museum in Gloucester, MA, to his church as trustee. YOUR WILL is your last opportunity to witness on earth to your religious beliefs, whatever they

may be. Consider a tithe of your estate. Remember the impact of your gift on others who haven't thought of a religious bequest. It is worth special thought.

## GIVE YOUR EXECUTOR FULL FLEXIBILITY

John Steinbeck, the famous novelist, left an estate of well over \$1 million dollars. He resisted the common temptation to "rule with a dead hand" far into the future. YOUR WILL should grant the utmost possible flexibility to your executor(s), and trustees if any. After picking an executor you trust, give him the power to use his good judgment and act on behalf of your heirs to conserve and, if possible, increase your estate.

## SET UP A TRUST FUND

Dr. Wm. Scholl's name became a household word thanks to the many footcare products he invented and produced. He set up the Scholl Family Trust Fund. The framework of the trust greatly simplified the distribution of bequests to his family. YOUR WILL may work out better if you set up a trust fund prior to death. The trust department of your bank can advise you on this. It's worth checking, regardless of the size of your estate.

## GIVE TO WORTHY CAUSES

As most of the above did, and many others do, YOUR WILL can truly reflect your character and beliefs in the causes you supported in life.

## WON'T YOU REMEMBER US?

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1. Fixed amount. Simply state a dollar amount to be given from your estate.
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For a fuller account, please write to the AMAA at 140 Forest Avenue, Paramus, NJ 07652, for the booklet entitled, "Twelve Ideas From The Wills of 12 Famous People," or "How To Write a Will That Works" or both.

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